

CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Knoxville City Hall Annex, 33 N Public Sq, Knoxville IL

Monday, September 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

Draft Notice

Call to Order: Mayor Myers called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Eiker, Gruner, Hillier, Hope, Moore, Rainey, Reed, and Taylor, Mayor Myers, Treasurer Barnum, Police Chief Poyner, Attorney Rob McCoy and City Clerk Kirchgessner. Also Present: Ms. Jill Davis, Ms. Penny Flesner Absent: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Approval of Minutes: Gruner moved to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2025, City Council Meeting. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed by voice vote seven (7) yes and one (1) abstained.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: The city took ownership of 109 W. Main Street. At the next meeting we will have an ordinance with the stipulation of the sale.

Engineer Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barnum reported that the final two accounts will be transferred to Tompkins State Bank at the end of September.

City Clerk's Report: Clerk Kirchgessner noted that September 30 is the twelve-year work anniversary for Sanitation Worker Dave Liniger.

Payment of City Bills: Alderman Gruner moved to approve payment of the City Bills. Alderman Hillier seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Bench Placement James Knox Park:** Alderman Reed moved that the city allow Christa Morrison to place a 3 ft. granite bench in memory of her father. The bench would be placed on the Southwest side of the pond by the sidewalk. Alderman Gruner seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.
- 2. Request to Purchase Easement Between 509 & 601 Glenway:** Alderman Gruner moved to deny the sale of the easement stating that the easement is needed for city access. Alderman Eiker seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) Yes votes.

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3. **Ordinance 2025-07 Sale of Certain Property: 2 Dell Public Access Computers:**
Alderman Hope questioned the name of the ordinance which included the word sale. Attorney Rob McCoy stated that incorrect form was submitted. The ordinance was removed. Alderman **Hope moved** to Recycle the 2 Dell computers. Alderman **Hillier seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.
4. **Ordinance 2025-08 Grocery Tax:** Alderman **Hillier moved** to accept the 2025-07 Grocery Tax Ordinance as presented. The Ordinance number changed since the prior item didn't require an ordinance number. Alderman **Gruner seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes. This paperwork must be submitted by mail or online before October 1, 2025.
5. **Douglas Street Culvert Replacement:** Alderman **Gruner moved** to pay Hood Construction \$35,000 for the Douglas Street Culvert Removal and Replacement. Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes.

Mayor's Report:

- BNSF is doing an excellent job replacing the gates at Railroad crossings. The railroad crossings will all be repaired and all 4 receive new gates. The Carr Street crossing was also be widened by 2 railroad ties which should help with the problems when 2 vehicles meet at the crossing.
- Knoxville will be getting a new bank, Community State Bank, and will be in the First Mid Bank building at 331 E Main St.
- The city is looking into placing a chain link fence around the city public works between Line and Hebard Streets. Cameras would be placed around the fenced area which would help control traffic as well as foot traffic. The future could include an impound lot for the city.
- Knoxville is working to get all the double power poles removed, progress is 6 of the 52 poles. Mayor Myers has reached out to Representative Dan Swanson for help with getting this project complete.
- Mayor Myers is also looking for grants to help make the pond more handicap accessible such as a bridge.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** No Report.
- **Cemetery:** No Report.
- **Economic Development:** No Report.
- **Parks:** No Report.
- **Police:** No Report.
- **Sanitation:** No Report.

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- **Streets:** No Report.
- **Water/Sewer:** No Report.

Adjourn: At 7:31 PM, Alderman **Gruner** moved to Adjourn the Meeting; Alderman **Hillier** **seconded** the motion, which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Barbara Kirchgessner, City Clerk